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SUBJECT VEB Industrierwerk Ludwigsfelde:

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1. The VEB Industrierwerk Ludwigsfelde is one of the most modern plants, from the standpoint of equipment, in East Germany and could, on this basis, utilize its capacity to the fullest extent. This is not feasible, however, because of the prevailing shortages of material and personnel. As of early 1958, not one of the development projects planned for 1956 had been completed.
2. Production is hampered by shortages of material. For example, a sub-contract for sprocket wheels, let to the VEB Walzwerk (rolling mill) Brandenburg, was completely unsatisfactory. Because the sprocket wheels received from Brandenburg were defective, Ludwigsfelde had to manufacture substitutes after normal working hours; the material on hand at Ludwigsfelde, however, was not suitable for this job and had to be processed before it could be used. With a material loss of 10 tons, the over-all loss to the Ludwigsfelde plant was considerable.
3. There are increasingly serious shortages in personnel. Nontechnical workers are being transferred to production departments. As of early 1958, there was one white-collar employee for every two factory workers; it is hoped to increase this ratio to one white-collar worker for four factory workers, but there seems little likelihood of this being carried out in the near future.
4. Officials of the Ludwigsfelde enterprise, as of early March 1958, were as follows:

Plant Director  
Assistant Plant Director  
Technical Director

Karl Singhuber  
Schuerer (fnb)  
Pruehss

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